SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE (SF₆) EMISSION REDUCTION MEASURE **Electricity Sector** And **Particle Accelerators**

Second Technical Working Group Meeting

California Air Resources Board

April 30, 2009

SURVEY

- Status
 - Participation is increasing
- Purpose:
 - Will be used by CARB to help determine costs for this measure
 - Will refine statewide inventory information

REGULATORY CONCEPTS: PERFORMANCE STANDARD

Leak Detection and Repair

Recycling

Allowable emission rate declines over time

1% maximum emission rate by 2020



REGULATORY CONCEPTS: EQUIPMENT STANDARD

- Vacuum Insulated Equipment
 - Low and medium voltage
 - Design consideration for new systems
 - Cost effective/less maintenance
 - Replacement for aging lower voltage equipment



- Reporting Requirements
 - Will be subject to the same requirements as the electricity sector
- Medical Uses
 - Very low SF₆ usage for cancer treatment
 - Considering exemption

PARTICLE ACCELERATORS

- Physics Uses
 - Most SF₆ use is from onsite substations
 - Lesser amounts are used for research purposes
 - Accelerators and their substations will be subject to the same emission reduction measures as those applied to the electricity sector

DOCUMENTATION AND RECORD KEEPING



- Will expand the reporting requirements beyond the electric service providers
- Current mandatory reporting requirements are expected to satisfy the documentation and record keeping requirements of this reduction measure

EARLY ACTIONS/OFFSETS

- Discussing options with the Office of Climate Change staff
 - -Rewarding early actors
 - -Offsets

ESTIMATED 2009 TIMELINES

Technical Working Group meeting	July 29th
Workshop on draft regulations	September
Release staff report and begin 45 day public comment period	October
Present proposed regulation to the Board	December

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